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TRADE CENTRE FOR RAW LEATHER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Hapur in Uttar Pradesh has emerged as a main trade centre of rawleather in view of large number of cattle in the state of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) If so, whether raw leather is transported to Chennai for processing and thereafter transported back to Agra, Kanpur, Delhi and Noida for manufacturing of shoes and other leather goods;

(d) If not, the facts explained by the Government in this regard;

(e) Whether the Government propose to set up a leather processing centre in northern India; and

(f) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bovine animals from neighbouring States of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and UP are brought to Hapur for meat purposes. Hapur is currently a major centre of meat production in the region. It is estimated that of about 2000 bovine animals are processed daily for meat and raw hides and skins are recovered.

(c & d) The raw hides and skins move to Calcutta, Chennai, Kanpur, Jalandhar, etc, forprocessing. For manufacture of shoes and other leather goods, the manufacturers of these items may obtain finished leather from these centres. Product units in Agra, Delhi and Noida are predominantly dependent on production of leather at Jalandhar and Kanpur. Only some speciality leather with finishing techniques is sourced by the leather product units of Delhi-Noida region from tanneries in Tamil Nadu.

(e & f) By way of various policy initiatives, the Government is encouraging setting up of leather processing centres/tanneries in different parts of the country including Northern India through State Governments/agencies and private entrepreneurs. The leather processing activity at Kanpur and Jalandhar has registered high growth in the last seven years.